

## REMARKS

### I. PENDING CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 9-17, and 19-21 are pending in this application.

The Office Action of March 20, 2007, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant incorporates by reference the remarks presented in the Amendment and Response filed on January 9, 2007.

The Examiner has indicated that his copy of the Declaration of Ehud Levy is missing pages, and that he would reevaluate the rejections when a completed copy of the Declaration is received. Applicant encloses herewith another copy of the Declaration of Ehud Levy, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in light thereof. The Declaration establishes that the use of catalytic char unexpectedly provides decreased turbidity when compared to activated carbon, and rebuts any prima facie case of obviousness which might be said to exist. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection should be withdrawn.


Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is

kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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